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Moore's Bacteriology.¹ — This little book was originally prepared in the form of mimeograph sheets for the use of students in the bacteriological laboratory at Cornell University, and its statements have consequently been tried in the fires of actual use. Now that these directions have been printed in a simple and inexpensive form, it is to be hoped that they will find their way into many schools and laboratories where bacteriology is studied. No claim is made to completeness or infallibility, but at the same time it would be difficult to find anywhere in the world, in the same number of pages, as many important and useful suggestions. Dr. Moore's courses in bacteriology in the veterinary school at Cornell are among the very best in the country, and this book is to be welcomed as an extension of the influence of a conscientious teacher who is at the same time a competent investigator. The book contains 89 pages, beginning with the cleaning of glassware and ending with the bacteriological examination of water. It is arranged in 59 chapters, designed for as many separate laboratory exercises. Migula's system of classification is adopted. The occasional imperfections and omissions will no doubt be rectified in subsequent editions, of which we trust there may be many.

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Monographie der Myristicaceen.² — In few even of the tropical groups of plants have generic lines been so poorly understood as in the Myristicaceæ, the nutmeg family. From time to time attempts have been made to separate from the large and evidently heterogeneous *Myristica* various independent genera, but hitherto the herbarium materials of the whole family have been so fragmentary, and the difficulty of constructing from them a satisfactory group of genera so great, that even in 1880 it still seemed best to Bentham and Hooker to treat the whole family as a single complex genus.

For some years Dr. Otto Warburg, of the Botanical Museum in Berlin, has been engaged on an exhaustive revision of this confused group, and his completed work, now before us, shows that the task could not have fallen into better hands. The monograph (filling a thick folio of some 680 pages) is of a kind that only Germans have patience to prepare. A liberal space has been allotted to the treat-

¹ *Laboratory Directions for Beginners in Bacteriology.* By Veranus A. Moore, B.S., M.D., Professor of Comparative Pathology and Bacteriology and of Meat Inspection, N. Y. State Veterinary College, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. Published by the author, 1898.

² Warburg, O. *Abh. Leop.-Carol. Akad.* Bd. lxxviii. Halle, 1897.